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time" likewise does not appear - - nor even the phrase "in correspondence with time".

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the rejections of Item 2 have no basis in Suso.

ITEM 3: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 18, 38, 53, 70, AND 78, FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) OVER KITAZAWA

In this rejection, Kitazawa is conceded not to teach the feature of "displaying a position of a volume adjusted knob."

The Action, however, fails to establish any *prima facie* obviousness for the contention that this teaching, totally absent from Kitazawa, would nevertheless have been obvious.

ITEM 4: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 41, 42, 54, 55, 73, AND 74 OVER KITAZAWA IN VIEW OF SUSO ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 6,466,202) TAKEN FURTHER IN VIEW OF KLEIN (U.S. PATENT 6,014,141); and

ITEM 5: REJECTION OF CLAIMS 58, 61, AND 64 OVER KITAZAWA IN VIEW OF MEINS ET AL. (U.S. PATENT 6,587,700);

In much the same fashion as the foregoing, the Action concedes the lack of any teaching in Kitazawa relative to recitations of the rejected claims and, instead, merely contends in Item 4, as to Klein, and in Item 5, as to Meins, that the secondary reference includes that teaching in a combination that would have been obvious.

LACK OF *PRIMA FACIE* DEMONSTRATION OF OBVIOUSNESS IN SUPPORT OF ANY OF THE REJECTIONS

Applicants respectfully submit that the conclusionary contentions of obviousness are altogether inadequate to support the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections in this Action and clearly do not meet the stringent standards for that basis of rejection, set forth in MPEP 2143-2143.03.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims distinguish patentably over the references and rejections of record and, there being no other objections or rejections, that the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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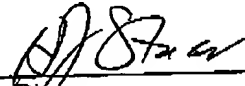
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EXHIBIT A

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-17, 19-37, 39, 40, 43-52, 56, 57, 59, 60, 62, 63, 65-69, 71, 72, 75-77, and 79-82 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kitazawa et al. (Japan Patent No.: 09-026832) in view of Suso et al. (Patent No.: US 6,466,202).

A
Regarding claims 1, 21, and 43, referring to Figs. 1-3, Kitazawa teaches a status display control unit for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main display (10) section and an auxiliary display section (20), comprising: a controller (11) displaying data in the auxiliary display section (20) [0014], [0034], and [0040]-[0046].

Kitazawa differs from claims 1, 21, and 43 in that he does not specifically teach displaying standby transition time. However, referring to Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8, Suso teaches displaying standby transition time (col. 4, lines 5-12, col. 5, lines 13-26, and col. 7, lines 19-33). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the displaying standby transition time as taught by Suso in the system of Kitazawa in order to provide a display control unit with useful improve functions.

B
Regarding claims 2, 22, and 44, referring to Figs. 1-3, Kitazawa teaches a status display

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control unit for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main display (10) section and an auxiliary display section (20), comprising: a controller (11) displaying data in the auxiliary display section (20) [0014], [0034], and [0040]-[0046].

3 Kitazawa differs from claims 2, 22, and 44 in that he does not specifically teach displaying a next electronic mail check time. However, referring to Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8, Suso teaches a next electronic mail check time (col. 4, lines 5-12, col. 5, lines 13-26, col. 7, lines 19-33, and col. 10, lines 10-45). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the next electronic mail check time as taught by Suso in the system of Kitazawa in order to provide a display control unit with useful improve functions.

C Regarding claims 3, 23, 45, 66, 79, and 81, referring to Figs. 1-3, Kitazawa teaches a status display control unit for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main display (10) section and an auxiliary display section (20), comprising: a controller (11) displaying data in the auxiliary display section (20) [0014], [0034], and [0040]-[0046].

Kitazawa differs from claims 3, 23, 45, 66, 79, and 81 in that he does not specifically teach displaying a greeting message by characters. However, referring to Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8, Suso teaches displaying a greeting message by characters (col. 4, lines 5-12, col. 5, lines 13-26, and col. 7, lines 19-33). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate displaying a greeting message by characters as taught by Suso in the system of Kitazawa in order to provide a display control unit with useful improve functions.

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Regarding claims 4, 24, and 46, referring to Figs. 1-3, Kitazawa teaches a status display control unit for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main display (10) section and an auxiliary display section (20), comprising: a controller (11) displaying data in the auxiliary display section (20) [0014], [0034], and [0040]-[0046].

Kitazawa differs from claims 4, 24, and 46 in that he does not specifically teach displaying a recording medium playing state. However, referring to Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8, Suso teaches displaying portable recording medium playing state (col. 4, lines 5-12, col. 5, lines 13-26, col. 7, lines 19-33, and col. 9, lines 49-53). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the displaying standby transition time as taught by Suso in the system of Kitazawa in order to provide a display control unit with useful improve functions.

Regarding claims 5, 6, 25, 26, and 47 referring to Figs. 1-3, Kitazawa teaches a status display control unit for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main display (10) section and an auxiliary display section (20), comprising: a controller (11) displaying data in the auxiliary display section (20) [0014], [0034], and [0040]-[0046].

Kitazawa differs from claims 5, 6, 25, 26, and 47 in that he does not specifically teach displaying a communication connection status of the electronic equipment. However, referring to Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8, Suso teaches displaying a communication connection status of the electronic equipment (col. 4, lines 5-12, col. 5, lines 13-26, col. 7, lines 19-33, and col. 9, lines 49-53). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the displaying the communication connection status of the electronic

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E | equipment as taught by Suso in the system of Kitazawa in order to provide a display control unit with useful improve functions.

F | Regarding claims 7-17, 27-37, 48-52, and 69, referring to Figs. 1-3, Kitazawa teaches a status display control unit for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main display (10) section and an auxiliary display section (20), comprising: a controller (11) displaying data in the auxiliary display section (20) [0014], [0034], and [0040]-[0046].

Kitazawa differs from claims 7-17, 27-37, 48-51, and 69 in that he does not specifically teach displaying indicating a reception of an electronic mail by the electronic equipment. However, referring to Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8, Suso teaches characters, displaying indicating a reception of an electronic mail by the electronic equipment (col. 4, lines 5-12, col. 5, lines 13-26, col. 7, lines 19-33, col. 9, lines 49-53, and from col. 10, line 32, to col. 11, line 62). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the displaying the communication connection status of the electronic equipment as taught by Suso in the system of Kitazawa in order to provide a display control unit with useful improve functions.

G | Regarding claims 19, 20, 39, 40, 65, 71, 72, and 75-77, referring to Figs. 1-3, Kitazawa teaches a status display control unit for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main display (10) section and an auxiliary display section (20), comprising: a controller (11) displaying data in the auxiliary display section (20) wherein the electronic equipment further comprising: a main body; and a lid member which is provided on the main body and capable of taking an open position and a closed position, said main display section

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being provided on the lid member and being visible only in the open position of the lid member, said auxiliary display section being provided on the main body at a position which is visible in the closed position of the lid member [0014], [0034], and [0040]-[0046].

Kitazawa differs from claims 19, 20, 39, 40, 65, 71, 72, and 75-77 in that he does not specifically teach displaying the status information. However, referring to Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8, Suso teaches the status information (col. 4, lines 5-12, col. 5, lines 13-26, col. 7, lines 19-33, col. 9, lines 49-53, and from col. 10, line 32, to col. 11, line 62). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the displaying the status information as taught by Suso in the system of Kitazawa in order to provide a display control unit with useful improve functions.

Regarding claims 56, 57, 59, 60, 62, , 63, 67, 68, 80, and 82, referring to Figs. 1-3, Kitazawa teaches a status display control unit for displaying status information of an electronic equipment which includes a main display (10) section and an auxiliary display section (20), comprising: a controller (11) displaying data in the auxiliary display section (20) [0014], [0034], and [0040]-[0046].

Kitazawa differs from claims 56, 57, 59, 60, 62, 63, 67, 68, 80, and 82 in that he does not specifically teach displaying contents set in correspondence with time. However, referring to Figs. 3, 5, 7, and 8, Suso teaches characters, displaying contents set in correspondence with time (col. 4, lines 5-12, col. 5, lines 13-26, col. 7, lines 19-33, col. 9, lines 49-53, and from col. 10, line 32, to col. 11, line 62). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the displaying contents set in